

Meaning swift and valued runner, the *Kukini* in ancient times took news from one Hawaiian leader to another.

# 'X' marks the stop

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

With yellow 'x's emblazoned across the now-inactive runway, a Hawaii Air National Guard C-130 loaded up the remaining inhabitants of a tiny Pacific island and returned to Hickam.

After more than seven decades of American military ownership, the last 55 years under the Air Force watch, a historic chapter in Pacific Air Forces history came to a close, Tuesday, as Johnston Atoll had a brief, but emotion-filled base closure ceremony.

Though the drive towards the closure took more than three years in preparation and execution, the last day on island brought out many feel-

ings, according to Capt. Eric Sassi, JA commander.

"I have a lot of mixed emotions," Captain Sassi said. "I leave with a good taste in my mouth."

"Team Johnston Atoll has labored through very hard times to make today a reality," he said. "This [closure ceremony] is really only a small portion of the efforts that have gone on here."

Beating the June 30 closure deadline by two weeks, while maintaining exhaustive and complete attention to envi-

ronmental compliance detail was no small feat, according to Col. John Medeiros, 15th Mission

Group commander.

As the presiding officer at the closure ceremony, Colonel Medeiros thanked those who made the June 15 ceremony possible; active duty, contractors, civilians and base closure team.

"You did it safely, you did it professionally, and you did it with a sense of purpose and conviction that I am, quite frankly, in awe about," he said. "You



Photos by Mike Dey

**Members of Team Hickam join the last active duty, civilians and contractors assigned to Johnston Atoll during the final retreat ceremony Tuesday.**

did all the right things at all the right times for all the right reasons, and for that I thank you."

When JA was still an active base, the Army housed and operated the Johnson Atoll Chemical Agent Disposal System. During its run, the JACADS disposed of nearly a half-million rockets, bombs, mortars and mines, all without incident, according to the Central Intelligence Agency World Factbook Web site.

At the height of the cold war in the 1950s and 1960s, the site was used for high-altitude nuclear tests.

With the island's history of storage and disposal of the deadliest chemicals known to man, including

sarin nerve agents and 2,000 tons of nerve and blister agents, the island condition the Air Force is leaving to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department is all the more remarkable, according to Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander.

"Through the team's hard work and diligence toward environmental restoration, JA has evolved from a weapons storage area to a wildlife preserve," Colonel Torres said. "The team is leaving a legacy of uncontaminated land that is home to 200 species of fish, 20 species of Coral and 20 species of native and migratory birds, and for that they should be strongly congratulated."



**Aerial view of the 'X' painted Tuesday on Johnston Atoll's inactivated flightline.**

## President Bush names new PACAF commander

The Secretary of Defense announced that President George W. Bush has nominated Lt. Gen. Paul Hester, Air Force Special Operations Command commander, for appointment to the rank of general and assignment as Commander, Pacific Air Forces, headquartered here.

General Hester is currently responsible for providing Air Force Special Operations Forces and Combat Search and Rescue for worldwide deployment and assignment to unified combatant commanders. Prior to commanding AFSOC,

he was the U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force commander from September, 1999 - November 2001, at Yokota Air Base, Japan. He received his commission through the ROTC program at the University of Mississippi, entering the Air Force in 1971.

Pending Senate confirmation of his promotion and reassignment, General Hester will become the 29th PACAF commander, following Gen. Bill Begert who is scheduled to retire July 2.

Pacific Air Forces is one of nine major com-

mands of the U.S. Air Force and is air component of the U.S. Pacific Command. PACAF's primary mission is to provide ready air and space power to promote U.S. interests in the Asia-Pacific region during peacetime, through crisis, and in war. The command has approximately 45,000 military and civilian personnel serving in nine major locations and numerous smaller facilities, primarily in Hawaii, Alaska, Japan, Guam and South Korea. (Information courtesy of Pacific Air Forces News Service)





# C-17 key to future AEFs

By Lt. Col. Christopher Davis  
15th Operations Support Squadron commander

"We now know as we never knew it in the Air Force before, that we can fly anything, anywhere, anytime. Climate, mountains, oceans - those can't stop us."

This famous 'Anything, Anywhere, Anytime' quote more than 50 years ago by Maj. Gen. William Tunner, who successfully orchestrated the India-China "Hump" airlift in 1944, the Berlin Airlift in 1948, and the Korean Airlift effort. His words continue to ring true as we consider what our mobility air forces accomplished during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, airlift and tanker missions increased from approximately 250 to more than 400 per day, with spikes topping 500. Our airlift system was pushed to the limit supporting a war inside a totally land-locked country - a country with only the most rudimentary road system.

In more than 8,000 missions, airlift from C-130s and especially C-17s moved more than 300,000 tons of cargo into Afghanistan.

This total rivals the Desert Storm/Shield airlift, which required more than 87,000 missions. Our OEF success was a direct result of applying lessons learned from past airlift experiences.

As an airlift wing we know the value of rapid global mobility, but as we prepare for the arrival of the C-17 we need to understand a shift that will occur in our expeditionary focus.

Without the ability to use sealift to re-supply



Photo and artistic rendering by Jerry Banks

**A model of the C-17, Globemaster III, displaying Hickam's tail flash. The base is scheduled to receive the first C-17 in February 2006.**

Afghanistan, heavy airlift will be needed closer to the fight. At the time, the airlift system relied on the hub and spoke concept, where heavy aircraft delivered cargo to a hub and then forward-deployed C-130s took the cargo into the combat zone.

C-17s forward-deployed to several locations during OEF. For a C-130 unit this is normal, but not until OEF, had "strategic" assets been tasked to deploy as combined operations, maintenance and support package.

Formal unit type codes outlining two-ship through six-ship C-17 deployment packages now exist. I'm

confident our wing will be tasked to provide a multi-ship C-17 package to a remote spot somewhere in the Pacific.

With less than two years before the first C-17 arrives, this notional tasking will come sooner than we may think. This deployment strategy is the way ahead and is perfectly suited to supporting the warfighter over the strategic distances of the Pacific Theater. Hickam played a pivotal role in providing combat airlift in the past and as we continue to look forward, it's evident we will continue this proud tradition.

## Action Lines



**Col. Ray Torres**  
15th Airlift Wing commander

**Editors Note:** The purpose of the Action Line is in its name - it's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go "above and beyond" in their duties - and we all know there are plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line, however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first crack at resolving problems or issues.

It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you want me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond ver-

bally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

### Freedom Avenue lights

**Comment:** I was wondering if it's possible to put lights down Freedom Avenue? That stretch from Burger King to the next main street is very dark at night. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

**Response:** You're right! Freedom Avenue is very dark in the evening, especially for pedestrians. I've asked the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron leadership to develop a project to install energy-efficient street lights down the length of Freedom Avenue. Streetlights will definitely serve to improve traffic safety for both our motorists and pedestrians. Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

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## Crisis Response Lines

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**449-0300**

**Life Skills Support Center**  
**449-0175**

**Law Enforcement Desk**  
**449-6373**

**Base Chaplain**  
**449-1754**





Photo by Staff Sgt. Celena Wilson

## Around Hawaii in two days

Tech. Sgt. David Flores, 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, talks about the C-40 landing gear to a group of firefighters at Lihue Airport on Kauai, June 10. Members of the 15th Airlift Wing Safety Office toured five Hawaii airports, spreading the message of air traffic safety to various airport officials. After receiving the 15th AW mission brief, participants were invited to tour the aircraft and the crash rescue firefighters were given training on crash procedures for the C-40. This is the second annual tour for the safety office. In 2003, the crew toured with the

## Federal law protects military rights

By Capt Tara Olayvar  
15th Airlift Wing Legal Office

A new federal statute now allows military members to terminate their residential leases when they have a permanent change of station or deploy for 90 days or more.

"This new statute provides greater protection for military tenants," said Capt. Mike Freyermuth, 15th Airlift Wing Legal Office judge advocate. "Before this law was enacted, military members had to make sure that a 'military clause' was in their lease, allowing them to terminate the lease without penalty if they deployed or PCS'd. Previously, airmen who did not have this clause in their rental contract had to pay their landlord for the entire lease term, even if they received PCS orders early."

This new protection is provided by the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, signed into law by President George W. Bush Dec. 19, 2003. The SCRA clarifies and strengthens the protections provided to military members under the old Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940.

By enacting the SCRA, Congress expressly intended "to enable servicemembers of the United States . . . to devote their entire energy to the defense needs of the nation."

To take advantage of this benefit, military tenants must send their landlord a written termination notice and a copy of their military orders. The notice must be delivered by hand, commercial mail, or by U.S. mail, with a return receipt requested.

The military tenant will be responsible for rent payments until the lease termination takes effect. That date depends on the type of lease. For month-to-month leases, following proper delivery of the termination notice, the termination takes effect 30 days after the first date on which the next rental payment is due. For any other type of lease, the termination takes effect on the last day of the month following the month the termination notice is properly delivered.

The tenant can specify a date later than the minimum period. However, to obtain an earlier termination date, the tenant must have his landlord's permission in writing.

The SCRA provides other protections as well. The law allows a 90-day automatic stay of civil proceedings, a 6 percent interest cap on debts incurred before military service, a right to terminate a car lease upon receiving PCS orders overseas or a deployment for 180 days or more, and some income tax protections.

## 15th LRS

activation, command assumption



The 15th Logistics Readiness Squadron will activate during an assumption of command ceremony at the Hickam Channel Display Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Col. John Medeiros, 15th Mission Support Group commander, will preside over the ceremony where Lt. Col. Craig Berlette will assume command of the 15th LRD.

Colonel Berlette is the former 607th Air Support Group deputy commander, Osan Air Base, Korea.

A reception at the Hickam Officers' Club Lauhala Gardens will take place immediately following the ceremony. (Information courtesy of the 15th Logistics Readiness Group)



## News Notes

### TEAM HICKAM

**HESC meeting** – The Hickam Enlisted Spouse's Club monthly meeting "Lei Making 101" is scheduled for June 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. All active duty enlisted, dependents, and retirees are invited.

**15 MDG closure** – 15th Medical Group will be closed July 9 for a family day. In the event of an emergency call 911.

**Tech. and Master Sergeant celebration** – The Chief Master Sergeants of Hawaii cordially invites Team Hickam to join in congratulating Team Hickam's newest master sergeant and technical sergeant selects. The celebration will be held at the Tradewinds

Enlisted Club Thursday, 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. Michael Warner at 449-4546.

**Fall CDC registration** – Fall registration for the Harbor Child Development Center Preschool will be Aug. 16 through 18. Registration hours will be 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Harbor CDC. Applicants should bring a current leave and earnings statement and shot record. For more information, call 449-9234.

**HT3 meeting** – Hawaii Top-3 Meeting is scheduled for July 7, 3 p.m. at Tradewinds Enlisted Club. For more information contact Master Sgt. Glenn Taijeron, HT3 Vice-President, at 448-BLUE, or Master Sgt. Rhonda Elliott, HT3 VP of Publicity, at 448-4605.

**Kuntz Gate Closure** – Kuntz Gate will be closed to inbound and outbound traffic Sunday for underground utility work. Starting Monday through July 2, Kuntz Gate will be closed at 3 p.m. for underground utility work. In addition, Kuntz Gate will be closed on July 2 for pavement work. For more information contact 2nd Lt. Linda Lewis at 448-9259.

**Base Facilities Refuse and Recycling** – Dumpsters of various sizes are provided throughout the base

for trash disposal. Certain dumpsters are designated for specific uses such as green waste, wood or metal. These dumpsters should only be used for disposing of the designated materials. The Base Recycling Center accepts the following materials from base facilities: paper (white, news, magazine), glass bottles and jars, plastic containers (#1 and 2), aluminum cans, cardboard and printer toner cartridges. The center also has provisions to accept wooden pallets, metals, appliances and propane tanks. Base facilities must arrange to have old A/C units purged before the center will accept them.

**Hickam Thrift Shop** – The Hickam Thrift Shop is open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and the second Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's open for consignments on Monday, Friday and the second Saturday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. The Hickam Thrift Shop is located in the Tickets and Tours Building. Call 449-6603 for weekly limits and to be placed on the furniture waiting list.

**Volunteering in the community** – For people who are interested in getting involved and lending a hand, there are many resources to consider from the American Red Cross and the United Way to homeless shelters and Human Services and even the Cat Rescue S.A.F.E. House on Hickam.

Here's link to a website that can connect you with numerous agencies in need of volunteers in Hawaii: [www.volunteerhawaii.org](http://www.volunteerhawaii.org).

**NCOIC of Honor Guard wanted** – The 15th Services Squadron is looking to fill the Honor Guard noncommissioned officer position they are looking for a super sharp junior NCO to fill this billet. Those interested should contact Master Sgt. Craig Howell, 15 Services Squadron first sergeant, at 449-1030, ext. 233.

**Summer Registration begins** – Term Courses registration began June 1. The first day of class will be July 6. All military members desiring tuition assistance are required to stop by the Base Training and Education Office once they receive course information from their school to include course title, course number, start/end dates of courses, number of semesters per class and cost of tuition per semester hour. TA will not be issued without the above information. For more information, contact the base education office at 448-0920 or 449-6363.

**Vacation Bible School** – The Hickam Chapel Center will hold Vacation Bible School Monday through June 25, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The theme this year is "Lava Lava Island-Where Jesus' Love Flows". Register at the Chapel Center or after any weekend service. For more information, call the Chapel at 449-1754.



# Around the Air Force

## Over Alaska

An F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 18th Fighter Squadron at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, flies in formation with a KC-135 Stratotanker from the Air National Guard's 108th Air Refueling Squadron at Scott AFB, Ill., June 11 during Northern Edge '04. The exercise is Alaska Command's joint training exercise designed to enhance interoperability among the services.

Photo by Senior Airman Joshua Strang



## U.S. AIR FORCE

**E-8 promotion testing cycle window changes** – RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – All master sergeants competing for promotion to senior master sergeant will now take the U.S. Air Force Supervisory Examination test between Dec. 6 and 17. The testing cycle will no longer be in January.

Air Force officials said ongoing air and space expeditionary force deployments supporting the war on terror have dramatically reduced the number of eligible Airmen available to test during the current testing window.

Moving the testing cycle will allow more time for out-of-cycle testing before promotion release. The change will not affect the promotion announcement or the months during which promotions are made for the cycle. Testing conducted after Dec. 17 will be considered out of cycle.

For more information, contact the local military personnel flight's promotion and testing office. (Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

**Secretary celebrates 227th anniversary of Old Glory** – ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. (AFPN) – Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche joined those gathered at the base flagpole here Monday to celebrate the history of the nation's flag.

The U.S. Air Force Ceremonial Brass, Andrews base honor guard, veterans and guests joined in commemorating Flag Day.

"This is a special day, the anniversary of the adoption of a very powerful symbol," Secretary Roche said.

"This flag represents our nation and the values

to which we aspire," the secretary said. "Imagine the feeling of pride our forefathers felt when they saw the flag at Yorktown [Va.]. You know the impact it had on Francis Scott Key at Fort McHenry [Md.]. Our national anthem is a tribute to this flag. The sight of it caused Israeli helicopter pilots to halt the attack on the USS Liberty.

"It has been carried in space with great pride by our astronauts, but perhaps one of the best examples of the power of this emblem was its effect on Marines when it was raised on Mount Suribachi. The impact was so strong on all Americans, the image has been enshrined at the Iwo Jima Memorial and is synonymous with American courage under fire.

"Our flag is a source of comfort and strength," the secretary said. "After the cowardly attacks in September 2001, American flags were ubiquitous. Americans saw our flag as an expression of our strength, pride and resolve to protect and defend freedom." (Story by Airman 1st Class Amanda McCarty, 89th Airlift Wing Public Affairs)

**Web site explains National Security Personnel System** – WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Department of Defense officials launched a Web site to educate civilian employees about the new National Security Personnel System. NSPS will make changes in the way the department hires, pays, promotes, disciplines and fires civilian employees.

The site is meant to help DOD employees understand the new personnel system, said Brad Bunn, acting deputy program executive officer.

"Change is difficult, and lack of information about coming changes often leads to stress and anxiety and, unfortunately, misperceptions about what those changes really mean," he said. "We recognize that, and are committed to communicating to our employees about what (the system) will mean to them. The Web site is one communications tool in our toolbox to do that. We will be open, honest and clear about (the system), and our Web site is designed to encourage employee involvement and interest, and minimize misconceptions."

He said the site will help those affected by the changes to understand the "rationale and benefits" of the NSPS, and that it will be "extremely useful" in keeping employees informed and updated as the system evolves.

Congress authorized the new personnel system as part of the fiscal 2004 National Defense

Authorization Act, allowing DOD officials new authority to develop new civilian human resources, labor-management relations and employee appeals systems.

The new site offers an overview of what DOD employees can expect from the new personnel system, as well as information regarding issues of labor-management and employee unions, and links to system-related documents.

One feature of the site is a mechanism for visitors to submit comments and ideas about the system directly to the NSPS program executive office, Mr. Bunn said.

The site will be a primary communication vehicle, and it will be used throughout all phases of the personnel system design and implementation process, Mr. Bunn said.

The Web site is the second attempt by personnel officials to get the word out about the new system. A previous Web site was taken down after a three-week strategic review of the design and implementation process in April, officials said.

Mr. Bunn said the new site reflects a conscious effort to minimize confusion about plans for the system.

However, as with any Web site, there is always room for improvement, he said.

"So we encourage our Web site visitors to offer their comments and suggestions about how the new site can become even better," he said. (Story by Army Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample, American Forces Press Service)

**Academy aircraft resume flight** – U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFPN) – Officials here have directed academy aircraft back into service starting Tuesday.

Flight operations here were suspended April 2 following a safety review. Since that time, numerous actions have been taken to resolve all concerns expressed by academy leaders.

Major actions taken include a detailed nose-to-tail audit of all aircraft components to confirm aircraft configurations, improved aircraft maintenance documentation procedures, a modified maintenance contract enabling stronger contractor oversight and hiring of additional contract employees.

Affected aircraft include: TG-10B\C\D unpowered gliders and TG-14 motor-gliders of the 94th Flying Training Squadron, T-41 and Cessna 150 single-engine aircraft of the 557th FTS, and UV-18 Twin Otter jump-platform aircraft of the 98th FTS.



# Hickam children go fishing

## *As the Friends of Hickam hold their annual Keiki Fishing Tournament*

By Airman Ryan Simpson  
Staff Writer

The Friends of Hickam held their fifth annual Keiki Fishing Tournament Thursday at the Hoomaluhia Botanical Garden.

The Friends of Hickam with the help from the First Term Airman's Center and the 15th Medical Group held the event for more than 120 children and 75 adults.

"This event could not have happened without the help from the First Terms Airman's Center or the medical support from the 15th Medical Group," said Steve Chow, FOH president.

The day was filled with fun, food, fishing and prizes.

The FOH provided lunch, consisting of hamburgers, hotdogs, potato chips, popsicles and a beverage of their choice.

"The food was good, and there was so much of it," said Airman 1st Class Kevin Minnis, FTAC volunteer.

After completing their meals, the children were given a bamboo fishing pole, with bread as bait, and the fishing competition began.

Divided into male and female categories the children fished and were awarded for their catches with top prizes going to the boy and girl who caught the biggest fish and the most.

"The fishing was fun," said Tyrell Noel, 8, son of Senior Master Sgt. Helen Noel. "Every time I threw in my line I caught a fish."

"This is my second year attending this event, and it keeps on getting better," said Master Sgt. Ron LaJeunesse, FTAC volunteer. "Last year I came as a parent, this year as a volunteer. No matter what role I play, fun and enjoyment is the final outcome."

After the fishing was complete, the FOH members held the award ceremony for the children.

"All children are winners," said Mr. Chow, "120 children deserve 120 prizes."

"The kids were just having so much fun," said Airman Minnis, "I think it is great for a community organization to care so much to give Hickam children the opportunity to participate in this event."



(L-R) Nickoliaus Henderson admires his catch as a First Term Airman's Center volunteer measures the fish during the Friends of Hickam Fifth Annual Keiki Fishing Tournament.



Above: The Lajeunesse' family - Elaine, Deanna and Daniel arrive in style wearing ponchos due to some wet weather at the Keiki Fishing Tournament.

Right: Airman 1st Class Matthew Steelman a FTAC volunteer, removes the hook from a 12-inch fish caught by A.J. Modey. The catch won the biggest fish award.







Above: Members of the Hickam Honor Guard detail perform various aspects of the retreat ceremony June 10. The detail, totalling 23 team members, also completed a 21-gun salute and presented the memorial wreath in commemoration of President Reagan's passing earlier in the week.

Below: Honor Guard member Tech. Sgt. Christopher Jeffery, Pacific Air Forces Band, plays Taps during the retreat ceremony June 10.



Photos by Angela Elbern

# Reagan Remembered

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

Ten flights of base members, four abreast and twice as deep, stood stochically in formation. The deafening silence broken by seven Hickam Honor Guard member's firing their rifles three times followed immediately by the base bugler playing Taps.

This was the setting at the base flagpole June 10 during a retreat honoring the legacy of a fallen president.

Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, eulogized one of the most beloved and respected commanders-in-chief of this or any other generation, Ronald Reagan.

Colonel Torres, a graduate of the Air Force Academy during President Reagan's first term in 1981, spoke about the 40th president's commitment to the armed forces as well as his place in history.

"President Reagan strengthened our nation, while his enthusiasm and moral courage re-instilled optimism into the American psyche," Colonel Torres said. "He revitalized and renewed our military, called 'hollow' before him, and laid the foundation for the force protecting America today.

Even while making grand strides against tyranny, President Reagan called for vigilance, he said.

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We

didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream," President Reagan once said in a national address. "It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."

"As for the enemies of freedom, those who are potential adversaries, they will be reminded that peace is the highest aspiration of the American people ... we will negotiate for it, sacrifice for it; we will not surrender for it, now or ever ..."

President Reagan, nicknamed 'The Great Communicator,' expressed his vision for his own legacy in 1992.

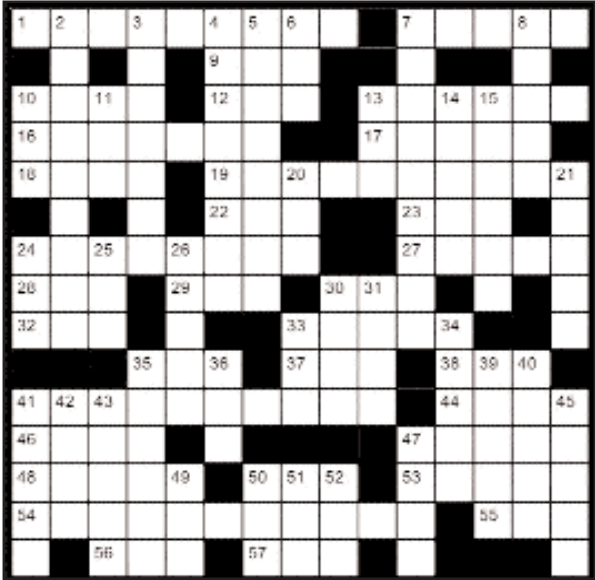
"Whatever else history may say about me when I'm gone, I hope it will record that I appealed to your best hopes, not your worst fears; to your confidence rather than your doubts. My dream is that you will travel the road ahead with liberty's lamp guiding your steps and opportunity's arm steadying your way," he said.

It's a legacy that needs to be carried into the future, according to Colonel Torres.

"As we pause to remember this remarkable life, we know that we have lost a great comrade-in-arms, a true visionary, and an epic leader," he said. "But we also know that we remain patriots, ever committed to ensuring that his legacy lives on in the light of freedom now burning more brightly and casting its warmth further than ever before in the history of mankind."



Crossword puzzle: Places you might not know



ACROSS

1. USAF base in UK, RAF \_\_\_\_

7. Line up

9. German one

10. Mammal of the family Cervidae

12. ALS, NCOA, SOS, ISS, etc.

13. Prosecuted teacher of evolution

16. Protozoans of the class Ciliata
17. USAF AB in Spain

18. Nevada school

19. Bookkeeping

22. Gov't org. for budget oversight

23. Farewell; \_\_\_\_ voyage

24. USAF base in UK, RAF \_\_\_\_

27. Loosen

28. \_\_\_\_ Grande

29. State home to 122nd FW

30. Distant

32. Place to rest?

33. Schwarzenegger film Red \_\_\_\_

35. Primary color

37. Squid defense

38. USAF org. with personnel records

41. USAF base in UK; RAF \_\_\_\_

44. Radiance

46. Bronze and Iron

47. USAF AB in Turkey

48. Partial or total darkness

50. Man with dishonorable behavior

53. Gives out as a portion

54. USAF base in UK; RAF \_\_\_\_

55. VCR speed \_\_\_\_-mo

56. What the Concorde was

57. Bond writer Fleming
- DOWN

2. USAF base in Germany

3. Place to not be without a paddle?

4. Polygon having

- seven sides

5. Something to punch at work?

6. Single

7. USAF base in UK, RAF \_\_\_\_

8. First American to orbit Earth

10. BDU variant for SWA

11. Length from elbow to finger tip

13. Dallas, TX, school

14. British playwright with black comedies

15. Vanishing and boiling
- ing

20. Food fish of northern Atlantic waters

21. USAF AB in Italy

24. Day of the week (abbrev.)

25. Charged particle

26. Monetary punishments

30. A complete set of type

31. Egyptian symbol of life

33. Knight's title

34. Astonish

35. Seeds again
36. Driving crime

39. Mountain lions

40. Luxury

41. Molten rock

42. To stare at impertinently

43. Trotsky and Uris

45. Crime of maliciously setting fires

47. At rest

49. Mass. school

50. Leader of N. Vietnam, Ho \_\_\_\_ Minh

51. Eureka!

52. Great noise

Places you might not know

Crossword Answers June 18

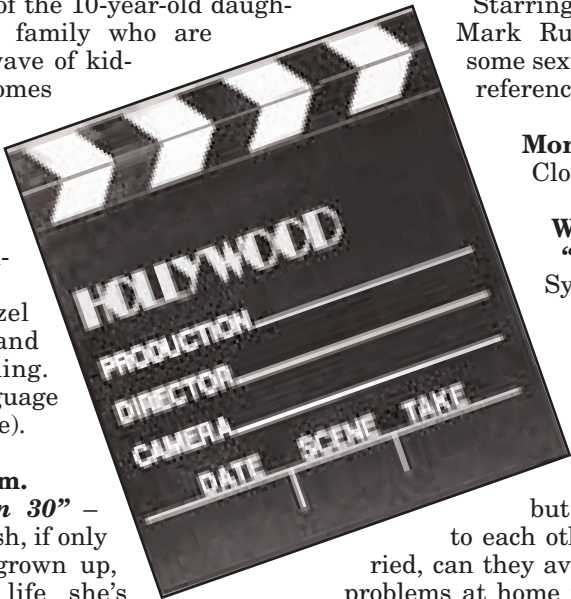
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Movies

**Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.**  
“*Man on Fire*” – A former government operative, Creasy, takes a job in Mexico City as the bodyguard of the 10-year-old daughter of a wealthy family who are threatened by a wave of kidnappings. He becomes close to the child and when she is abducted, he sets out to hunt the bad guys and stops at nothing to save her.  
Starring Denzel Washington and Dakota Fanning. Rated R (for language and strong violence).

**Sunday at 7 p.m.**  
“*13 Going On 30*” – Jenna makes a wish, if only she could be all grown up, she’d have the life she’s always wanted. Miraculously, her wish comes true. The next day, she’s 30 years old and not 13 years old anymore. What’s more, she is a gorgeous successful



woman with a great job and a fabulous apartment. Jenna soon learns that having it all is not enough.  
Starring Jennifer Garner and Mark Ruffalo. Rated PG-13 (for some sexual content and brief drug references).

**Monday and Tuesday**  
Closed  
  
**Wednesday**  
“*13 Going On 30*” – See Synopsis above.

**Thursday**  
“*Laws of Attraction*” – Two New York divorce attorneys, Audrey and Daniel, often oppose each other in court, but end up irresistibly drawn to each other. When they get married, can they avoid the same relationship problems at home that provide them fodder for their court cases at work?  
Starring Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore. Rated PG-13 (for sexual content, some violence and language).

Chapel

Protestant

Nelles Chapel  
Sunday contemporary service – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Gospel Worship – 11:15 a.m.  
Chapel Center  
Sunday traditional – 8:30 a.m.

Catholic

Nelles Chapel  
Saturday confessions – 4:15 p.m.  
Saturday Mass – 5 p.m.  
Chapel Center  
Sunday Mass – 10 a.m.  
Chapel Center  
Sunday Mass - 10 a.m.

Jewish

Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor Aloha Chapel, 471-3971.

Orthodox

For more information, call 438-6687.

Islamic

Friday congregational service - 1 p.m.  
Muslim Association of Hawaii, 947-6263.

**Editor’s note:** For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.

“Praise Gathering”

**What:** Contemporary Worship Service  
**Time:** Sunday at 5:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Nellis Chapel  
Regarding instrumental/vocal interest in the Praise Gathering Worship Team, contact Lt. Col. Michael Rits at 230-1624.



# Team Hickam History

*The Air Force's most historic airfield*

**This week in 15th Airlift Wing and Hickam Air Force Base History:**

**June 21 to 23, 1988** – King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain visited Hawaii, arriving and departing from Hickam.

**June 23, 1981** – Secretary of State Alexander Haig visited Hawaii for a few days, primarily to rest and relax. He arrived at Hickam via Military airlift Command C-137 and was quartered at Makalapa Kai by the Navy. Wing support included security and aircraft service.

**June 25, 1970** – Grand opening ceremonies were held at the new Hickam Exchange Shopping Center, with the base commander, Col. Ernest W. Pate, delivering the opening remarks.

**June 25 1980** – Capt. Angelia Newsom became the first female Air Force officer assigned to Wake Island.

**June 25, 1988** – Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita and his wife landed at Hickam for a refueling stop en route back to Tokyo after an economic summit meeting in Canada.

**June 27 and 28, 1981** – Vice President and Mrs. Bush touched down at both Hickam and Johnston Atoll to refuel and service their aircraft. The stop at Johnston Atoll was unusual as few high-level officials had ever shown an interest in stopping at that facility.

For additional information concerning the 15th Airlift Wing and historic Hickam AFB, visit:  
<http://www2.hickam.af.mil/ho/>

# Reunion Tips

From your Family Readiness Program Staff

**Editor's Note:** *Reunion is a time of adjustment after seperation. The following tips will appear in the Kukini and are suggestions to help people prepare for a loved ones homecoming and their greatly anticipated reunion.*



## Plan a family vacation

*Include each family member in the planning of the vacation.*











# *New, multi-fuction sign-in system at base fitness center*

# Aphelion comes to Hickam

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

There's a new sign-in sheriff at the base fitness center, and his name is Aphelion.

He's here to monitor fitness center usage so the center's deputy sheriff's can use the data to lobby for more funds.

Aphelion, the name of the new log-in software program, will also help gym patrons get to their workout quicker, according to Doug Gianetti, Fitness Center director.

"It's designed to provide a user-friendly process of signing in by entering the last five digits of your Social Security Number when entering the fitness center" Mr. Gianetti said.

"Once a customer's initial registration and form are completed, individuals simply type the last five of their social security account number into the system for entrance into the cardio and weight area," he said. "Military identification cards will no longer be checked when entering, however all customers must keep their IDs with them at all times."

The application process is a simple

one, Mr. Giannetti said, and he hopes to have the bulk of regular patrons in the system quickly.

"The goal of the fitness center is to have the majority of fitness customers registered in the next 60 days," he said. "Registration is ongoing and individuals may fill out the sheet at the center."

But customer counting isn't Aphelion's only feature, he said.

"It will also assist the fitness center staff by doing our retail sales inventory and point of sales," he said. "In addition, it will do program and class scheduling, facility reservations and other functions."

The installation of Aphelion has another benefit, according to Lt. Col. Denise Hollywood, 15th Services Squadron commander.

"Not to be confused with Fitlinxx, which helps members track their daily work outs, the installation of the Aphelion system brings the 15th AW Fitness Center one step closer to being an Air Force Five-Star Fitness Center," Colonel Hollywood said.

For more information about Aphelion, contact the base fitness center at 449-1044.



Photo by Jerry Banks

**Adolfo Williams, 15th Services Squadron recreation aid, enrolls Mysti Bicoy, Multimedia Center staff photographer, in Aphelion Tuesday as Amanda Uphoff, base summer hire, types in her cardio and weight room entrance code.**





Hickam Lady Flyer Jennifer Samson slides into home safely under the Army catcher during tournament championship action. Photos by Mysti Bicoy

# Tops in tourney

## Men's, women's Air Force team reign victorious

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

They came by land and by sea; from Kanehoe, Pearl Harbor, Schofield Barracks and the downtown Coast Guard Station.

Team representatives from all five of Hawaii's military branches made the trek to Hickam for the 2004 Hawaii Armed Services Athletic Council men's and women's softball tournament.

Though they came from all over the island, they all had one thing in common as the tournament came to an end: watching the Air Force men's and women's softball teams raise the championship trophy June 10.

The Lady Flyer's swept through the tournament, unrelenting and untested. Undefeated in five games, they outscored their sister-service opponents by a combined 97-11.

The championship game played out like the rest of their draw, with stellar teamwork and a barrage of singles and aggressive base running befitting their name, stifling the Army team 10-1.

The Lady Flyers' offensive scheme is built around singles hitting. Seven of their 10 runs came from a single knocking in a base runner that had singled just two batters earlier. It was a cycle that would repeat itself with relentless consistency.

Kelsey Arakaki's at bat in the third inning would be the exception that proved the rule. She legged out an inside-the-park homerun, bringing in two teammates who had reached, naturally, on singles.

Consistency wasn't confined to the offensive side of the house.

Sandy Ware, Lady Flyer's pitcher, was a model of frugality, allowing only one base runner and needing just 16 pitches to get through the first four innings.

The success of the team's play throughout the tournament was easy to identify, according to Jennifer Shelton, Lady Flyer coach.

"The ladies worked hard and played fundamental softball," Coach Shelton said. "The sound play of our veteran ballplayers coupled with the energy and talent of our younger players earned us the championship."

If the Lady Flyer's practiced the slow-and-steady approach, the men's team took a far more tee-it-high-and-let-it-fly style.

The men's team capitalized on error-free defense and intermittent streaks of long-ball hitting to sink the Navy team 15-5.

Josh Wiggs got the game started with a home run in the first inning. Sonny Kebrow followed his teammate's lead, stroking a home run in the second.

In the fourth, Kebrow pushed one up the middle for a double. Robert 'Woody' Wooderson hit a single to the opposite field, bringing Kebrow in to score, then advanced to third on a throwing error. Kevin Meade brought Wooderson home with a single, ending the inning 7-3.

The last of the offensive fireworks came in the sixth inning when Josh Wiggs hit his second homer of the game, a grand slam that put the Flyers up 12-5 and the game out of reach.

For Flyer Coach Meade, the victory formula was consistency on both sides of the plate.

"Our guys played very sound defense and hit the ball extremely well," he said. "That is a winning combination for any team."



Robert 'Woody' Wooderson strokes a single in the fourth inning, bringing in a run to extend the team lead 6-3.